

MRS. WILSON HELPS BRIDES IN HOUSEKEEPING FOR TWO

Biscuits "Like Mother Used to Make," Layer Cake and Various Goodies From One Kind of Batter Are Given

By MRS. M. A. WILSON

THE month of roses brings a shower of homecoming to the June bride who is back from her honeymoon and settled down to keeping house for "just us two." Our June bride is really most anxious to have on her table nicely cooked, palatable food, for you know, Mrs. Newlywed, that the first thing John does is to tell the boys of the wonderful meals that you two expect to eat, and then finally he winds up by saying that he wants them all to come out to the house and have a real Sunday dinner with him.

Now, Mrs. Newlywed, the first thing to place clearly and definitely in your mind is that to prevent failure and therefore loss of materials and time, you must use accurate measurements; this is most necessary. You would never dream of making that wonderful wedding gown without a dependable pattern and then carefully following directions. Of course not. Then, right from the start of your baking, you must use accurate measurements. Measurements. Sift the flour into a bowl and then fill a measuring cup with a tablespoon and pile it high; then level off with the back of a knife. Do not shake the cup of pack. This cup will now hold four ounces of flour. Use level tea and table spoon measurements and be assured of success.

Quite recently one little bride, almost heartbroken, said to me: "Oh, I did just as I thought mother did, and I do you know, John said: 'Gee, these are awful; don't make 'em again.' And she used to have nice light biscuits like John's sister makes."

Again, Mrs. Bride, I will tell you that your mother's method, the rule of the thumb, has come to her by long constant practice and it is very unsafe to try. Some women have a wonderful sense of proportion and are very successful, but there are times when the product does not turn out as you wish; there must be something the matter with this or that ingredient, because flat failure is nothing more than just inaccurate level measurements. If you will use accurate level measurements, you will turn out daily, for each day in the year, any product you desire, and have it perfect.

Biscuits for Two

Place in a mixing bowl: One and three-quarters cups of sifted flour, One teaspoon of salt, Two level tablespoons of baking powder. Sift to mix. Now rub in two tablespoons of shortening and then mix in dough with one-half cup of cold water or milk. Work the dough in a bowl until nice and smooth and then turn out on a clean sheet of paper and pat out one inch thick. Cut with a small biscuit cutter and then place on a baking sheet and bake in a hot oven for twelve minutes. This method eliminates the washing of pastry board and rolling pin.

Layer Cake

Place in a mixing bowl: Three-quarters cup of sugar, Six tablespoons of shortening, Whites of 2 eggs, Cream until light and fluffy. Then add: Two and one-quarter cups of sifted flour, Three level teaspoons of baking powder, Three-quarters cup of milk. Beat to mix and then fold in the stiffly beaten white of one egg. Grease and flour the layer cake pans and then turn in the batter. Bake in a moderate oven and bake for twenty minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool, then spread lightly with jelly. Cover with coconut and put the two layers together. Now fill the left over white of egg in the bowl and add one-half glass of apple jelly. Beat with a duster egg beater until the mixture holds its shape.

Mrs. Wilson's Menu Contest

My dear Mrs. Wilson—This is the menu which we served for our Friday's dinner for a family of five adults and two children, the youngest child five years of age.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes items like Broiled Fresh Mackerel, Boiled White Potatoes, Stewed Spinach, etc.

JOIN THE PRIZE MENU CONTEST

and send in the best \$1.50 dinner for four people that you can think up. You may win one of these prizes: FIRST, \$2.50. SECOND, \$1. THIRD, \$1.

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shape. Use this for icing the cake. Sprinkle thickly with coconut. Try to make these cakes in this mixture. Place in a mixing bowl: Three-quarters cup of molasses, One-half cup of shortening, One-half cup of brown sugar, Two teaspoons of cinnamon, One-half cup of raisins, One-quarter teaspoon of allspice, One-quarter teaspoon of cloves, Two cups of flour, Two level tablespoons of baking powder.

Beat to mix. Now grease well and then flour the layer cake pans and use a little more than half in the two pans, spreading the batter a little higher on the sides than the center. Next grease the muffin pans and place about two tablespoons in each pan. Now add just sufficient flour to the batter in the bowl so that you can handle it and knead this dough until smooth; then roll on the oiled-covered pastry board, about one-fourth inch thick. Cut with a cookie cutter and then lift from the board, using either a spatula or the griddle cake turner. Bake the layer cake and muffins for twenty-five minutes in a slow oven and the cookies for eight minutes. Put the layers together with marshmallow whip. This will give you a gingerbread layer cake, ginger muffins and a batch of ginger cookies.

Place in a mixing bowl: One-half cup of sugar, Four tablespoons of shortening, One egg, Two cups of flour, Two level teaspoons of baking powder, Seven-eighths cup of water. Beat hard to mix and then grease and flour one of the layer cake pans. Put in about one-half of the batter. Grease muffin pans and use for the balance of the batter. Place a raisin or a teaspoon of finely chopped nuts on the muffins. Now place in a small bowl: Three tablespoons of flour, One-half cup of brown sugar, One-half cup of shortening, One teaspoon of cinnamon.

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FOOD FOR TRIMMING



And also for thought, when it's arranged as attractively as this. On one hat of dark blue moire silk with a brim of blue straw the trimming consists of a wreath of cherries and their glistening leaves. On the other there is a feast for a vegetarian—a carrot, two well-shined pea pods, a cucumber and various other round things which suggest potatoes, apples and other fruits and vegetables. The hat itself is of black basket straw, which, by the way, is very popular for sport hats.

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Dear Cynthia—You are a young girl eighteen years of age and have been keeping company with a young man about two years. You are very much for me and I like him very much. It appears that you have been disagreeing and quarreling for some time. He seems to have no assumed attitude that it would be perfectly all right for you to go out with other fellows, but that I would still be my friend. He claims I have no right to admit, I would like to have your opinion as to whether there is any man in the world who would marry me if I were to lose my temper and your readers, you, your Cynthia, and your readers.

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Yesterday's Answers

1. A tablespoonful of alum to a gallon of water should be used to set the color in green, mauve or purple cotton material. 2. When a window wallpaper is figured or flowered, the rule of the decorator says that the window curtains must be of a solid plain color. 3. Tartan is the most popular material for the more elaborate-looking suits. 4. A convenient shape which permits the person using it to brush the back of his coat with ease. 5. When a baby is lying in a cradle or crib most of the day, changing his position from time to time will keep him comfortable. 6. If an unstarched article like a tablecloth has to be darned, baste the worn place to a piece of paper to keep it firmly in place during the process.

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The Woman's Exchange

Cannot Be Removed To the Editor of Woman's Page: A Dear Madam—Please tell me how to take off a tattoo from the arm if there is any way of doing it. Your column gives valuable advice, so I ask to find out.

There is no way of removing tattoo marks, unfortunately. The marks are pressed so deep into the skin that they have "grown there" and there is nothing that will take them off.

Wants Eyebrows Again

To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—Will you kindly answer me in your column? I have had my eyebrows and it looks very funny. Will you tell me what I can use that will make them grow? "BLACK EYES."

She Saved a Bird

To the Editor of Woman's Page: A Dear Madam—You have helped so many people that I thought I would ask you for help also. I have saved a little bird from the hands of children, and it is about one week old. I feed it on milk, but it is always hollering for its mother. What shall I do? I am really at my wit's end. A. R. S.

Picnic Lunches

To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—The writer has been asked to go on an outing and it will be necessary for her to prepare lunch for two people for a picnic. She would like to be kind enough to suggest, through your valued column, a nice menu for such occasion, as the writer never had such experience before and is at a loss just what to pack?

For one meat take sandwiches, pickles, cold fruit. For the other take deviled eggs, cheese and crackers, olives, more cake and something to drink—sarsaparilla, root beer, ginger ale, etc. Things will probably be eaten all at the same time, and the leftovers will just go for the next picnic. Food that usually happens somehow or other on a picnic; but you might just as well start with a picnic menu. Make sandwiches, some bread-and-butter, and some cold meat. Bacon, then make a fire and toast bread over the fire, holding it on a forked stick. Make sandwiches with bread and butter. This will not be safe with children, as there might be some kind of an accident, but it is a delicious way to cook bacon.

Perspiration Stains

To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—I would appreciate it if you would let me know what to use in order to remove discolorations under the arms of silk shirts, caused by perspiration about the days from the coat. K. D. p.

The Ex-Top Kick and His Buddy, A MERE CORPORAL

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TAKING WARM-HEARTEDNESS OUT OF REAL HOSPITALITY

Is Easily Accomplished by Insisting Upon a Guest's Stay and Accepting When She Really Wants to Be Let Alone

"DON'T you want a party?" inquired the hostess as a party started for a ride in an automobile. "No, indeed, thank you," replied the guest. "I'm just as warm as I can be. I put this sweater on because it gets cool sometimes when you're riding at night."

"It certainly does," remarked the hostess, and I think you ought to put on this coat. Emily, get that coat out of the pocket there on the side—"I really don't want it. I'd be too hot. Please don't bother to get it out. I'm almost too warm now. It's all right."

"You'll be cold later, though. You must put this coat on," Emily, get the coat and give it to her. There was nothing for Emily to do but obey her mother's insistent commands and get out the coat. She handed it to her mother, who held it out and gave it to the guest. The guest accepted it without protest and thanked Emily. Then she took it off her shoulders, folded it neatly and laid it over her lap. Her friend, who had been waiting in a minute and discovered the trick.

"Stubborn thing!" she exclaimed. "It didn't seem rather disagreeable, didn't it? But sometimes it's the only thing to do. At the risk of double-crossing people like this. They are so aggressive, they will do anything to get you to make a simple little Sunday afternoon visit on them sometimes. You intend with all the will power you have to stay just a few minutes, but you find yourself putting off longer and longer that dreaded moment when you announce that you must be going. You

know that it will be the signal for a concerted invitation from the whole family. "Oh, not for a minute. You're going to stay for supper." You protest that there are people coming to supper at your home and that you must be there to see them.

"Oh, THEY don't want to see you. They'll be glad to get rid of you. Let the rest of the family entertain them. Why, we have the table all set for you."

If you persist in your "must go home" the children join in the battle and you find several of them clinging to you to keep you from going. If you have any regard for your "best" dress you give in then and stay, feeling very uncomfortable and wondering whether there really will be enough for everybody to eat.

Hospitality—offering lodging and entertainment to guests. But not forcing it. There are plenty of times when you can be overdone and sometimes it is possible to overdo a thing and "get away with it." Not hospitality! There's a very distinct line that limits hospitality, and if you go over that with your persistent invitation, you really will be enough for everybody to eat.

As far as I can see, it is an Adventure for the woman who likes a fancy handkerchief to tuck in her pocket, and for the woman who doesn't care much, so long as it's a handkerchief of some sort or other. At any rate, I am going to tell you of a good bargain—and you may use your own judgment. Handkerchiefs—soft, snowy-white, and pure linen. We are told that they are grass-bleached, and while no one has ever explained to me just what that term means, I like to think of these handkerchiefs spread out in all their gleaming whiteness on a bright green lawn, with the bright sun shining on these little patches. The reason I am making such a point of telling you about them is that they cost only twenty-five cents each—a genuine bargain, there ever was one. And, if you like, there is no reason why you should not embroider a small initial in the corner, or a little wreath to dress them up.

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The decorative potentialities of slipcovers, so long unrecognized, are now being given full expression. In place of the characterless white linen or cotton damask of chilly memory, the gayest colorings and patterns are preferred; and in rooms where figured walls and patterned draperies are the most conventional design on the slip-cover, an ingenious and effective use is made of contrasting plain colors.

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